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Madrid, Octob. 8. N. S.

THE King of *Spain* was taken very ill the 20th of the last Month, and continued so several days, insomuch that he was thought to be in a great deal of Danger, and received the Extream Unction, and on the 3d Instant made his Will, signing the same in the Presence of the Cardinals *Portocarrero* and *Borgia*; Don *Manuel Darias*, President of *Castille*; The Duke of *Medina Sidonia*, Master of the Horse; Don *Antonio de Ubilla*, Secretary of the Universal Dispatch, and four or five other Persons of Quality, though they were not made acquainted with the Contents of it; But from that time his Catholick Majesty grew better, and has continued to mend, so that 'tis hoped a few days more will perfect his Recovery. 'Tis discoursed at Court, that the Conde of *Monterei*, the Conde of *Oropesa*, the Almirante of *Castille*, and the Duke *de Montalto*, will shortly be recalled from their Banishment. Letters from *Cadiz* of the 28th past say, Publick Notice has been given there, that the Galeons will sail to the *West-Indies* in *January* next, though 'tis thought they will hardly be ready so soon.

From the Saxon *Camp before* Kockenhausen, Oct. 7. Our Batteries being finished, we began on the 3d Instant to batter this Fort, which was continued the days following, and having made a considerable Breach, Orders were given for storming the Place this day at noon; But before the same were put in execution, the Garrison beat a Parley, and Officers on both sides being deputed for that purpose, a Capitulation was agreed upon, and signed by Duke *Ferdinand* of *Courland* our General on one side, and the *Swedish* Governor on the other, upon the following Conditions:

I. *That the Garrison shall march out of the Place to morrow, at 8 in the morning, with Colours flying, Drums beating, and two Pieces of Cannon, and shall be conducted to* Revell.

II. *That the Officers and Soldiers shall carry away their Baggage, and whatever else does belong to them.*

III. *That the Possession of the Outworks, and one of the Gates, shall be delivered to the* Saxons *this evening.*

The last Article is already performed, and the Garrison are preparing to march out of the Place to morrow; After which, Duke *Ferdinand* intends to leave a good Garrison there, and to march with his Detachment to join the King of *Poland*.

Mittaw, Octob. 11. Count *Straatman*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, passed lately by this Place, going to wait upon the King of *Poland* in *Livonia*; and we have since received an Account from thence, That he has had an Audience of the King, in which he endeavoured to perswade him to accommodate Matters with *Sweden*, and offered the Emperor's Mediation. The King continues his March with the greatest part of his Army towards the River *Pernau*, in order to attack the *Swedish* Forces commanded by Count *Welling*. The Fortress of *Kockenhausen* surrendred to the *Saxons* the 7th Instant upon honourable Terms; And the next morning the *Swedish* Garrison, which was 300 strong, marched out of the Place, and Duke *Ferdinand* sent back part of his Forces to rejoin those left before *Riga*, which Town is again closely blocked up; And having put a strong Garrison into *Cockenhausen*, he marched with the rest of his Troops to join the King of *Poland*.

Vienna, Octob. 13. The Imperial Court is expected here to morrow from *Eberstorf*. The last Letters from *Constantinople* say, Count *Otting*, the Emperor's Ambassador, was preparing for his return home; And in few days the *Turkish* Ambassador at this Court will have his Audience of Leave; The President of the Council of War intends after this Ceremony is over to give him a very noble Entertainment, and a Fire-work is preparing on the *Danube* for his Diversion; And several Pieces of Plate, and other things of value, are making ready to be given him as a Present from the Emperor. Commissioners are appointed to conduct the Ambassador to the Frontiers, whither he designs to go by Water; And at *Esseck* he will be received by Count *Guido* of *Staremberg*, and other Persons of Quality, who are to be present at the Exchange of the two Ambassadors. 'Tis said, Prince *Charles* of *Newburgh* has lent the Emperor a Million of Florins upon a Mortgage of Lands in *Silesia*. The Emperor has made a considerable Present to Cardinal *Lamberg*, towards the Expences of his Journey to *Rome*; This Cardinal will be going thither in 2 or 3 days: Cardinal *Grimany* is likewise on his departure for that Place. They write from *Constantinople*, that the *Turks*, who went this year on their usual Pilgrimage to *Mecca*, having quarrelled with the *Arabians*, the latter fell upon the *Turks* at their return, and killed a great number of them.

Dresden, Octob. 19. The *Swedes* assemble their Troops in *Pomeren*, and say, they are designed for *Livonia*; But the *Saxons* are jealous they intend to make an Irruption into this Country, and Orders are given to have the Militia in a readiness; and in case of need, we expect Assistance from the Princes of the House of *Saxony*.

Hamburgh, Octob. 22. The Letters from *Schonen* bring a Confirmation, that the King of *Sweden* sailed from thence the 12th Instant with the greatest part of his Forces designed for *Livonia*, and that the rest would follow very speedily with considerable Supplies of Provisions and Ammunition. The last Advices from *Livonia* say, *Narva* was very closely blocked up by the *Muscovites*, and that they were preparing to lay a formal Siege to that Town, and have committed a great Spoil, which put the Neighbouring Country under a great Consternation. Letters from *Dantzick* of the 6th Instant give an Account, that 'twas reported there, that